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Applicants: T. MAIE, et al  
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For: PRODUCTION MANAGING SYSTEM  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 20, 2002

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A production reservation system for reserving production of an article based upon estimate information of a sales department, comprising:  
a supporting system for permitting the sales department to input estimate information; and  
a generating part of a production reservation calendar in which a production schedule in a production reservation calendar is reserved in response to the estimate information input to said supporting system,